

**Minutes From a Meeting of the Concordia Council on
Student Life
Held on April 7, 2000
Hall 769 10:00am SGW Campus**

Present: Dr. D. Boisvert, Chair, Ms J. Hackett, Secretary, Mr. R. Boncore, Ms J. Calder, Mr. R. Côté, Ms M. Drew, Ms J. Fowler, Mr. P. Gilmore, Dr. S.M. Graub, , Mr. C. Jacob, Dr. J. Jans, Ms A. Kerby, Ms S. Navidad, Mr. D. Prejli, Ms T. Ryan, Mr. P. Taylor, Mr H. Zarins, Ms C. Boujaklian, Mr. W. Curran, Ms L. Toscano

Absent with Regrets: Mr. MacIver, Dr. Shaver, Ms K. Hedrich

Absent: Mr. J. Di Benedetto, Mr. A. Beedassy, Mr. P. Aubé.

Delegates: Ms C. Hedrich represented Ms G. Korn

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms Ryan, seconded by Ms Calder.

The Motion was carried unanimously

2. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Ms Kerby informed Council that, as Dr. Boisvert was unavoidably detained, he had asked her to chair the meeting until his arrival. Ms Kerby took the opportunity to extend congratulations to Rob Green on his re-election as CSU President for 2000-2001. On behalf of Council, she extended heartfelt congratulations and a warm welcome to Mr. Michael Di Grappa, our new Vice-Rector, Services. Ms Kerby also reminded Council that tonight was the annual CCSL Awards Ceremony and she encouraged everyone to attend.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2000

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms Drew and seconded by Mr. Jacob.

The Motion was carried unanimously

subsidy would have to be substantially higher. Mr. Taylor added that with the fee levy taken into consideration, it is anticipated that the budget for People's Potato will be lower, but not substantially

As Dr. Boisvert had arrived, he took the opportunity to reiterate that Student Services had made a clear commitment to secure funding for student initiatives for the next three years. It was also clear that Student Services had presented a balanced budget with no increase for the next three years and that this budget had been approved by CCSL. He also reminded Council that the Subsidies in Trust Account has funding in the amount of \$88,800 per year for student initiatives for the next three years. This amount has been allocated for CCSL Special Projects, IEAC, Daycares and the CSU Off-Campus Housing and Job Bank. The question is now how to re-allocate additional funds for the Subsidies in Trust account from within the approved budget framework. Dr. Boisvert asked if an additional allocation of \$60,000 per year would be sufficient. He added that as other projects came up, he would be happy to consider them. Mr. Jacob felt strongly that \$60,000 was not sufficient to meet the anticipated needs. Ms Fowler added that the student initiative projects are valid, important student services projects and should be treated as such. Mr. Côté asked if an amount of \$100,000 was more realistic. Mr. Jacob felt that that figure was more appropriate. Dr. Boisvert suggested that the Directors would now return to the "drawing board" and prepare a funding proposal with the intention to report back to CCSL at the May meeting. Council was in agreement.

4.5 Recreation & Athletics Funding Proposal – New Teams

Mr. Zarins confirmed that \$15,000 has been allocated within his approved budget framework to support the creation of new teams. Mr. Taylor asked what the procedure was for a new team to secure funding. Mr. Zarins said requests for the coming year should be submitted to Recreation & Athletics by September 30, 2000. Mr. Zarins said he will present the guidelines for new funding to CCSL at the May meeting.

4.3 Draft Policy on Demonstrations Update:

As Dr. Boisvert was present, Council returned to this issue. Dr. Boisvert reiterated the concerns of Legal Counsel with respect to the suggestions and changes put forth by CCSL. Mr. Taylor asked if the policy must be ratified by CCSL. Dr. Boisvert replied no but that given the nature of the policy, it was important that CCSL respond. Dr. Boisvert was concerned that the university has a procedure in place, but a policy vacuum which

Mr. Côté spoke briefly about evaluating as well as improving the quality and effectiveness of the services and programmes. Assessment not only helps assess the needs of students but also provides feedback, supports strategic planning, policy development and informs decision-making. Dr. Boisvert thanked Mr. Côté for an informative presentation. Dr. Boisvert reiterated that assessment is a critical function to ensure that the services in place are responsive to the needs of our students.

Mr. Taylor said these assessment projects would prove beneficial in the light of the recent government report that suggested funding would be linked with performance levels. Dr. Boisvert agreed and added that clear, concise objectives and goals for Student Services would be provided to the Rector and the Minister of Education.

Mr. Gilmore expressed concern over the lack of student representation on the teams. He felt it was important that the "end users" are part of the team and the process. Mr. Côté replied the make-up of the team depended on their mandate. He also informed Council that in order for the teams to work freely, the team leader was not a student services director or a coordinator of a student service. In fact the directors are not members of any team but rather serve as "sponsors" to the various teams. Dr. Boisvert said it was important to remember that the focus of the team would have a direct impact on the composition of the team. Ms Drew explained that as the focus of the Mental Health Team was to evaluate the efficiency of the process, she would not be comfortable with student representation as the information used in the evaluation process was confidential. Mr. Côté added that the focus of the Learning Disability Support Team is to review and assess the requirements, standards and processes as well as assess the effectiveness of the process with regards to satisfying departmental (Counselling & Development and Services for Disabled Students) requirements and interdependencies. The primary focus is not on the "user." However, for example, there is student representation on the Student Affairs Assessment Team as that focus is on the direct effect on the users. Mr. Jacob understood the concerns expressed, but felt it was important to have one student user at least on each team. Dr. Graub suggested that the sponsors of each team make note of the concerns expressed and ensure these concerns are expressed to the team leaders. Dr. Boisvert reiterated user input is important and very relevant, but that the mandate and focus of each team determined their composition. However, he added this is a pilot project and modifications will be added as the process continues. Dr. Boisvert will update Council on this issue at the next CCSL meeting, following further review by the Directors.

Dr. Boisvert confirmed that he will ask Mr. Di Grappa to join Council for the May CCSL meeting.

7. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE RECREATION & ATHLETICS BOARD

As the Board was scheduled to meet at the end of April, there was no report at this time.

8. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

9. NEXT MEETING: Friday, May 5, 2000 Loyola Campus, AD 131

10. TERMINATION OF MEETING

A motion to terminate the meeting was made by Ms Ryan and seconded by Mr. Boncore.

The Motion was carried unanimously